

HOUSE RESOLUTION 316

By Lollar

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Detective Robert Christian upon his selection as the Bartlett Police Department's Employee of the Year for 2007.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those estimable public servants who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Detective Robert "Mike" Christian of the Bartlett Police Department, who has performed above and beyond the call of duty in dedicating himself to ensuring public safety and welfare and improving the quality of life for his fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Detective Christian was recently named the Bartlett Police Department's Employee of the Year for 2007; a most befitting honor, it recognizes the immeasurable contributions he has made to the Bartlett community as a police officer of superior standards of professional conduct and ethics; and

WHEREAS, a member of the Bartlett Police Department for five years, Mike Christian spent his first three years in the patrol division until being chosen by his supervisors to serve on the Crime Suppression Team in 2007; he was picked because of his commendable work ethic and his knack for locating criminals and removing them from the streets of Bartlett; and

WHEREAS, Detective Christian is an alert officer who has a keen sense of locating trouble before it occurs; he has made 1,905 self-initiated contacts, issued 581 citations and 194 warning citations, and made 281 arrests, seventy-nine of which were drug arrests; and

WHEREAS, due to his sterling service in keeping the citizens of Bartlett safe, he was promoted to the rank of detective on March 1, 2008; and

WHEREAS, Detective Christian has also enabled the citizens of Bartlett to prevent crime themselves by serving as an instructor and counselor for the Citizens Police Academy; and

WHEREAS, displaying motivation and dedication to the department's mission, Mike Christian sacrifices his personal safety on a daily basis to maintain and ensure a stable community for the good people of Bartlett; and

WHEREAS, devoted the noble precepts of public service, Detective Christian epitomizes the spirit of volunteerism and commitment to excellence that are characteristic of all true Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, Mike Christian is most grateful for the love and support he receives from his wife, Lori, and their three daughters, Katelyn, Madison, and Michaela; and

WHEREAS, Detective Robert Christian has performed his duties with the utmost skill, dedication, and professionalism; his service can only be categorized as outstanding, and he deserves proper recognition for his heroism as a public servant; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and congratulate Detective Robert "Mike" Christian on his selection as the Bartlett Police Department's Employee of the Year for 2007, commend him for his meritorious and honorable service to the good people of the Bartlett community and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.